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EDITORIAL

The Hayward Journal has just passed its fiftieth year. For more than twenty years it has been under the guiding hand of the Oakes family. The Journal is the best local weekly newspaper in the county and has always done more than its part to promote the best interests of Hayward and has never lost an opportunity to serve the larger interest of Alameda County. George Oakes Sr. is one of the best boosters Alameda County has ever had and like many other newspaper men has never spared his own interests in seeking to make the Journal a paper worthy of the confidence and support of the public. His good wife when the occasion seemed to demand it assumed the helm and by hard work and unselfish devotion proved herself one of the best local editors in the State. For several years past George Oakes Jr. has conducted the paper and has proved himself a worthy chip of the old block. Aside from their splendid record in making the Journal a local paper of which the community has a right to be proud, the Oakes have always performed their full duty as loyal members of the community. The Journal is a good clean paper, run by good people and the Press has always esteemed it a great privilege to enjoy their confidence and support. May the Journal continue to live long and prosper in the future to the full measure of its deserved success.

Best wishes to the Journal and the whole Oakes family.

A rather amusing mistake occurred in one of our articles last week which made us say that Berkeley was thinking of getting a supply of distilled water from the Sacramento river. Of

AT THE CHURCHES

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course it should have read filtered water. There was no intentional slam aimed at the people of Berkeley even though it is a dry community, neither did we intend any reflections on the Sacramento river water. It was just a mistake of the linotype.

THE OAKLAND POST

The Oakland Post, Oakland's new daily, although starting out in a modest way promises to supply to Oakland what it has long needed, a progressive and fearless newspaper. Its articles on the water question during its short existence have given expression to a sentiment which has been consistently justified by both the other Oakland dailies for years. We sincerely hope it will meet with a measure of support that will justify its continuance. Oakland needs a paper that is not hampered by the old political and financial incubus of an age that ought to be relegated to the crap heap. There is need of a paper like the Post in Oakland and we hope it will stick. If it does it will have ample opportunity to do a real service in bringing about the realization of some things which not only Oakland but all Alameda County needs.

SPEAKS WELL FOR OUR DISTRICT

Figures recently published show that the following amounts were spent last year for charity in the various supervisorial districts: Supervisor Heyer's district \$20,505.88, Supervisor Joe Kelly \$17,960.93, Supervisor Mullin's \$15,922.90, Supervisor D. J. Murphy \$2,492.60. Evidently our people are either more self reliant and less unfortunate or our Supervisor does not work the indigent fund to the same extent as his associates.

REFERENDUM ON WAR

The growing danger of war with the rapidly increasing amounts set aside for armament expenditures is giving an impetus to the idea of having a referendum on the question of war. As was the most expensive as well as the most destructive policy in which

our nation can engage it is right that the people themselves should decide it. If the munitions makers, the money brokers and the commercial interests could be made to carry on the war they are inviting the rest of us would not care so much about the referendum perhaps. The human cannon fodder will not come from these classes. Those who make the least out of war are used for the sacrifices of war. They ought to have something to say.

ATTACK ON OUR WATER DISTRICTS

Assemblyman Godsil of San Francisco has introduced a bill in the leg-

islature which is intended to create all sorts of trouble for county water districts and if possible work their undoing entirely. It is not hard to guess who is responsible for the bill. It will enable the corporations who have opposed the various county water districts that have been formed to continue their attempts to render them of little use. By the terms of the bill any taxpayer who can secure the consent of the Board of Supervisors can withdraw his lands from the district.

This would enable the Spring Valley in the Pleasanton district, the People's Water Co. or the Dunbarton Land Co. in our district or the Yolo Water and Power Co. in Lake County to have their lands withdrawn and not only escape the tax that is placed upon them but to free themselves from the jurisdiction of the district. The bill was discovered by Mrs. C. F. May of Lakeport and called to the attention of our district officials by her.

It is a vicious attack upon the water districts and should be vigorously fought by our representatives in the legislature.

The introduction of this bill calls to mind the necessity of eternal vigilance on the part of our people. The corporations against whom our district is fighting are resourceful and are always on the alert to frustrate any attempt on the part of the people to curb their exploitations.

Evidently our district has another fight ahead at Sacramento and now that we have been warned it will be necessary for us to get busy and guard our interests at Sacramento.

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First publication Feb. 17, 1917.

C. R. Jr.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROV- ING WILL, ETC.

No. 22485.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oliveira Conde, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the will of Joseph Oliver, who was also known as Jose de Oliveira, deceased, and for the issuance to John Oliver of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this Court, and that Tuesday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courtroom of Department of No. 4, of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, February 16th, 1917.

GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk.

By W. E. Adams Deputy Clerk.

Endorsed: Filed, February 16, 1917. Geo. E. Gross, Clerk. By W. E. Adams, Deputy.

Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., attorney for petitioner Centerville Cal. 2:24-5t

No. 22425 Dept. 4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

In the Matter of the Estate of JANE STEVENSON, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of JANE STEVENSON, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Rooms 1101-1110 Union Savings Bank Building, Northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth Street, in the City of Oakland, California, which office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

EUGENE H. STEVENSON,
Executor of the Last Will and Testa-
ment of JANE STEVENSON, deceased.

Dated: Oakland, February 14, 1917.
Thomas C. Huxley.

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OLD BERRYESSA

Editor Press, Niles, Cal.

Dear sir:—The enclosed poem addressed to me deals with my early life in Berryessa, California. Will you kindly publish this poem and the following explanation in your paper in an early issue?

My father, the elate lamented Judge Durham of Irvington, took his family, my mother and four children to California in 1871. Our first stop was at Napa, where we visited for a time with the families of Douglas Butler, W. W. Smith and Uncle Joe Marshall, at Brown Valley, moving to Berryessa Valley in the Fall of 1871. Father taught the public school in Berryessa for two or three years. From Berryessa we moved to Vaca Valley, that was about 1874 or 1875. About 1876 we moved from Vaca Valley to College City, where father started I lived in California until 1891, when I came to Chicago where I have since resided, but I still claim to be a Californian. I was very young when we lived in Berryessa and about the only families I can recall who lived there at that time are Clarks, Sewells, Gillepies, Staffords, Cuttlers, and my old playmate, Stoney Rainey.

About ten years ago a group of exiled Native Sons and others who had tasted the hyssop of the Golden State organized a California Society in Chicago, now the California Society of Illinois. Through this Society I met James N. Hatch. We soon discovered that as youngsters we lived at Vaca Valley at the same time, and while we had never met, yet the names of our families were known to each other.

Mr Hatch is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is now a Consulting Engineer 'a'nn stands high in his profession. He has had many large commissions and only recently was chosen to appraise some of the public utilities of the City of Detroit for the State of Michigan, and is now engaged on works of stupendous magnitude. But it is not Hatch, the Consulting Engineer, that is loved by a host of friends, but Hatch the Heart Poet, and we predict that California will yet be proud of and do homage to her Poet from Berryessa.

The meeting of the Engineers' Club Michigan Alumni Association, California Society of Illinois, and other gatherings of similar character, of which Hatch is a member, are not complete without one of his poems.

A short time ago we accidentally learned that we had lived, when children, together in Berryessa, and had moved to Vaca Valley at about the same time.

One morning recently I found the enclosed poem on my desk. Before I had finished reading it my eyes were blinded with tears and I ask you to print it in memory of old Berryessa, and that I may pay this tribute of honor, esteem and love to my friend and fellow Californian, James N. Hatch.

Yours very truly,
W. W. DURHAM.

Chicago, Dec. 8th, 1916.

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Old Berryessa.

(To my friend, W. W. Durham.) In Berryessa Valley, Bill, Some two score years ago, Your folks lived just across from us About a mile or so, And you and I in those old days

Played under the same trees, And watched the same stream rushing by And felt the same cool breeze, In Berryessa Valley, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

These facts 'tis true we just have gleaned Within the present year, For we had never met until We met each other here, And you and I have changed a bit, And live quite differently From what our parents used to live In eighteen seventeenthree. Our boys have had different life, And played with different toys, From ours, in Berryessa, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

I had a pair of home-made sticks, And a cart made by a man Who walked with one crutch and a cane And had a withered hand, I also had an orphan limb, And a white dog that was deaf, And a chicken who had lost two toes In a steel trap set by self. These three were my companions true, My trusted tried envoys In Berryessa Valley, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

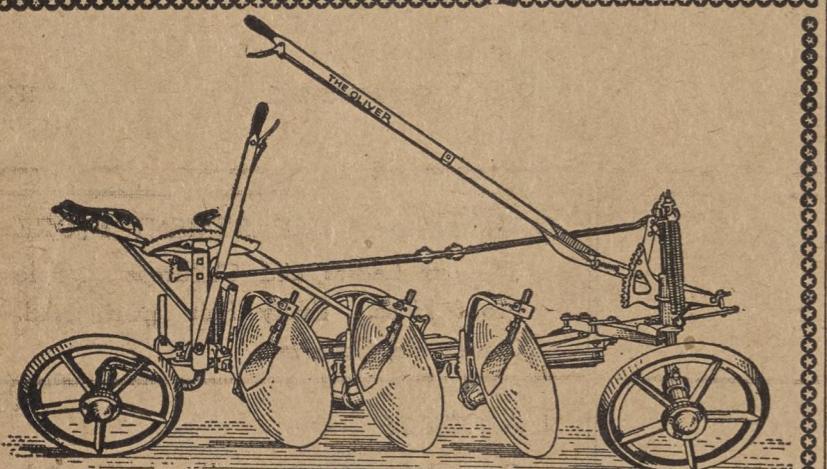
I had four jack-knives I had found, And each one had a name That hinted at its pedigree Or told from whence it came; And I would hunt for arrow heads Beneath the big oak tree Where there had been n early times An Indian Rancheria; And once I found a two-bit piece Which filled my cup of joys In Berryessa Valley, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

I knew where the best berries grew Beside the bubbling spring, And where the grape-vine hung across And formed a natural swing; I found the quail's well hidden nest Beneath a wisp of hay, And heard the dove's pathetic call All through the Summer day; But n this quiet life we led We gained a certain poise We owe to Berryessa, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

Far, far away in time and place Are those old barefoot days, And you and I have tried our best To take on city ways; We live in homes now far beyond Our boyhoods' wildest dream With colored maids and 'lectric lights And bed rooms hot by steam, But yet we often slip away From all this fuss and noise And dream of Berryessa, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

And when the vistas of the past Are viewed adown the years We see what made the smiles of life And soon forget the tears, And when we look a long way back To childhood's balmy days, The bright sp's make a constant glow Of unobstructed rays; That's why our dreams are happy ones When the past our mind employs With thoughts of Berryessa, Bill, Where you and I were boys.

—James N. Hatch, Chicago, 1916.



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The amount of capital stock has been set at \$2,500,000 divided into 25,000 shares at par value of \$100; 10,000 preferred and 15,000 common stock. According to the articles, \$1,300 of capital stock has actually been subscribed, one share at par value of \$100 having been taken by each director.—San Jose Mercury

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PERSONAL NEWS

NILES

Cheryl and Willella Moyer were both operated on this week at the East Bay Sanitarium for ear trouble. Both are doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have taken up apartments at the sanitarium temporarily.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Duffey and Miss Patricia Duffey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin of San Jose.

Marston Dassel is in Niles again. He is only here for a short visit with his parents before going to Taft where he has a position.

Mr. Wm. Catterlin and son Grant have moved to the brickyard. Fred Hunter makes his home with them.

Mrs. Eleanor Evans is spending her four-day vacation with the Haniman family in Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson were down to the show Friday night. Mr. Johnson is working in Sunol.

Margaret Duffey is spending the week-end with her aunt in San Francisco.

The first edition of the High School paper was put out Wednesday. The staff did all work without any help from the teachers. It was a very good showing for the first time and next time a better one is promised. One can obtain the paper from any of the students.

The domestic art department at the high school had an exhibition of the work they have accomplished during the term.

The high school had vacation Tuesday and Friday.

Barlow Morse is suffering from a lame shoulder.

IRVINGTON

Irvington is speculating just now on who is to be its next postmaster. The office is a fourth class office and under the civil service. Thomas Tierney resigned the office some time ago and Miss Annie Weston has been filling the position temporarily. At the civil service examination in January four applicants took the test: K. F. Reynolds, Charles Bez, Joshua Chadbourne and J. F. Ramsell. The postoffice is at present located in the store of Mr. Reynolds. The contest seems to be between Reynolds, who stood the highest in the examination and Bez, who has been a Democrat.

Irvington is to have a new lumber yard soon. Frank Leal will add lumber to the other lines he is now carrying.

Dave Reynolds, who has been confined to his bed for over a year, does not improve as well as his friends have hoped. He has undergone several operations having suffered the amputation of one foot. The amputation of the other is now recommended.

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Mrs. L. Roderick is spending the week end in San Mateo.

The Irvington Rebekahs spent a pleasant evening Tuesday at whist.

The Irvington Whist Club met at Mrs. Roderick's last Thursday. The highest scores were made by Mrs. Ed Hirsch and George Beardsley.

Quite a crowd of young people attended the Valentine party at Centerville last Friday evening.

Mrs. Clay Brewer entertained the Ladies' Sewing Club last Thursday. They met this week with Mrs. O. C. Benbow.

Among the Irvington visitors in San Jose during the past week were Robert Wright and Irma Rasmussen on Sunday. Charley Levada and Frank Rodriguez and Carl Christensen on Thursday.

Mrs. R. Adair of San Jose is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. E. Hirsch.

Mrs. F. W. Miller is substituting at the Ward school at Niles for Miss Plumber, who is ill.

Mrs. J. Harlin is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. Grimmer spent Friday in Hayward with her mother, Mrs. Nellis.

Mr. M. Graybill and wife have gone on a trip to Los Angeles in their new car.

Mr. Hansen, the lumber man of Centerville, has purchased a new truck through J. F. Chadbourne.

Mr. Ford has been ill with an attack of pleurisy but is better at present

writing.

Mrs. K. Brewer spent Sunday in Sunnyvale visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Tierney visited with friends in town on Friday.

Miss L. Trenout spent a few days in Oakland and San Francisco visiting with friends.

DECOTO

J. L. Olson, Decoto's well known and popular merchant, had a narrow escape in an accident last Sunday evening in Oakland. The automobile in which he was driving was struck by an electric train at 20th and Broadway and the driver, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Olson were thrown from the machine. Mr. Olson was rendered unconscious by the fall, and was rushed to the Providence hospital, where he was treated. It was found that beyond a number of severe bruises he was not seriously injured, although he was obliged to remain in the hospital for several days.

The rear of the auto was badly smashed in the accident and it was a fortunate thing that Mrs. Olson who had been riding in the rear seat had been prevailed to leave the auto on account of the rain just a few moments before. The accident was caused by the machine skidding as the driver attempted to avoid the train.

Harry Searles is confined to his home this week with the measles.

Henry May has been making the trip this week with the Farm Bureau party to different parts of the state.

School opened Monday after a two weeks' vacation on account of an epidemic of measles. Owing to the rainy weather and the prevalence of quite a number of cases of measles the attendance this week was small. It is hoped to make a better showing next week.

County Attendance Officer Walsh was in town Wednesday.

N. B. Randall of Centerville has moved his family to Decoto where he owns the old Juhl property. Mr. Randall has a branch of his Centerville garage here.

Wm. Catterlin moved into a cottage at the brickyard this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Janeiro have taken up their home in Decoto. Fred is working at the Essex Lumber Co.'s factory.

MISSION

The Alvarado grammar school gaseball team played the Mission school ball team last Saturday but owing to the rain the game had to be called off. The Mission team was in the lead when the game stopped.

The dance benefit last Saturday for St. Joseph's church at Irvington was a great success both financially and socially. The music furnished by Father Kennedy's Indians was all that could be desired.

The Misses Kathleen and Evelyn White visited with the Whitfield family over the weekend.

Social Events

On Tuesday last Mrs. Plummer entertained the Niles "500" Club at Belvoir and, though it was a very rainy day, there was a full attendance of members. There were three tables of

players with five persons at each of the tables. Mrs. Mosher won first prize—a book of receipts for table menus. Mrs. Moore was awarded the second prize, a beautiful handkerchief, and Mrs. Hawley carried off the consolation prize.

Tasty refreshments were served and a social half hour enjoyed before the party broke up. Those present were: Mesdames Plummer, Mosher, Bunting, Overacker, Hunt, Mosher, Philip Moore, Henry Tyson, Gregory, Hawley, Kirk, Ford, Jones, Velsir, McHugh.

An interesting and enjoyable meeting of the Niles Woman's Club was held at Mrs. Ellsworth's on Thursday last. In spite of the shower weather, about twenty-five ladies were present. After a short business meeting held in the parlor the company adjourned to the dining room, where a neat little play, selected as being appropriate for the day, was presented by eight members of the club. The play was entitled, "The Patriot Girl."

Characters.

Penelope, modern girl from N. Y. Mrs. Hatch
A Maid Mrs. Joe Tyson
Madame Dudley Mrs. W. H. Tyson
Constance
Barbara
Madame's daughters
..... Mrs. Rutherford
..... Mrs. Overacker
An American soldier Mrs. Donovan
An Englishman Mrs. Wm. Moore

Story of the Play.

Penelope Winthrop pays her aristocratic Boston relatives an unexpected visit—family not at home—is received by the maid. Penelope does not appreciate the historic and haunted family mansion.

Legend.

That during the Revolution, an ancestress saved Boston (Dec. 2, 1775), and the spirits of those who took part in the event re-enact it on each anniversary, between 9 and 12 o'clock p.m.

Penelope has arrived on the anniversary night, and on the stroke of nine is astonished to see the portraits of her ancestors return to life, step from their frames and enact, before her, the little drama in which, while living they had taken part. They talk to Penelope and she describes to them a railroad train, a telephone, etc., of which, before they have never heard.

The characters were all well sustained and the colonial styles of dress reminiscent of "ye olden time".

Last week Mrs. Overacker took charge of the primary Ward school during the illness and absence of Miss Muriel Plummer, the teacher.

Mrs. Clarence Martinstein's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher from Butler, Penn., are expected to come to California next month to make their permanent home in Niles.

With Apologies to a "Real Poet."
It is not raining rain to me—
It's raining tons of prunes!
Each shining drop that falls, a form
OF ripened fruit assumes!
It's not raining rain to me—
It pours "Prosperity."

CENTERVILLE

The Girls Friendly Society of St. James Parish was hostess at a dancing party at the home of Mrs. J. C. Mowry on Friday evening Feb. 16th. It was given under the direction of Mrs. M. L. Mowry Mrs. F. C. Murgatton and Mrs. J. C. Mowry who acted as patronesses.

About forty young people were present in response to the invitations.

Mrs. Geo. Mathieson presided at the piano, and proved herself a most popular musician, responding again and again to encores, until it seemed sometimes that it would be impossible to end the present dance and commence another one, especially in the tag two step. One dance was a favor dance in which balloons were given to the girls and aeroplanes to the boys, which created much excitement and merriment, after which shortly followed a candy dance, the prize of a box of candy being awarded Mr. Earl Hellwig, but which he was not allowed to keep.

A buffet supper was served and when the time for departure came the young people were unanimous in pro-

nouncing it a "wonderful" time.

To those unacquainted with the aims and purposes of the Girls Friendly Society we would say that it is a branch of Episcopal church work. While caring for her spiritual welfare it does not forget the social needs of the girl and gives them to her under proper chaperonage. Should she be forced to travel alone she would be cared for on her journey until she reached her destination. It is also missionary, giving something to others less fortunate than themselves. While a branch of Episcopal church work, any girl of moral character is eligible to membership, no matter what her church affiliation, which it does not seek to change. It does however desire connection with some church. This Society is very large in the East and is growing steadily in the West where it is commencing to be better known.

Mrs. E. M. Yates, mother of Mrs. M. L. Mowry, left on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. D. L. Barber of Los Angeles, last Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society met Wednesday of this week at the home of Mrs. W. Yates.

The new plumbing shop is now under construction. Mr. Lewis is doing the carpentering.

Mr. J. B. Clark has been ill for two days but is now able to be up and around again.

The Valentine Social given Valentine's eve at the Presbyterian church by the Sunday School was a great success. A short program was given and angel cake and ice cream composed the refreshments.

The Centerville Grammar School will open Monday, Feb. 26, after a two weeks' vacation on account of sickness.

One of Mr. Hirsch's large plate glass windows was broken last Friday afternoon. Mr. P. C. Hansen's horses

were frightened by lumber falling and before they could be caught they had gone through the window.

The St. James Guild will meet with Mrs. Chester Hatch Feb. 28th.

The Union 500 Club met with Mrs. H. Plummer at Bel Voir on Tuesday. This Club will resume meetings after Lent is over, Mrs. M. Gregory as hostess.

Mrs. M. Allen went to the city on Monday—will go to a sanitarium for a rest—and it is hoped will soon return in better health.

The United Artisans had an interesting evening on Thursday. As it was Washington's Birthday members were requested to wear national colors. The new officers were installed, after which whist was enjoyed. The place cards for refreshments, also score cards—were appropriate in design and an enjoyable evening passed.

The grammar school children are enjoying a second week of vacation owing to the visitation of chicken-pox among some of the pupils.

And at last the rain came—very slowly at first—Monday a. m. 30; Tuesday settled into a good old-fashioned storm. The gauge showing one inch. Then Wednesday. Every drop is doing a world of good. Lawns are losing their yellow look; grass is growing at a rapid rate. It is hoped the storm will continue for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright had the unpleasant experience of having their automobile stolen in Oakland the other evening. It was left locked by the Hotel Oakland, but when they wished to leave it was gone. The police were very calm. Said "don't worry, we will find it before morning." Sure enough. It was found near Berkeley. Some one had run into the back of it. A valise had been taken, everything rummaged over. It was insured.

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